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To Whom It May Concern:

The FDA must require mandatory environmental review on genetically engineered (GE) foods. Mutant genes have no place in our foods, without comprehensive testing to monitor any irreparable damage that may result from these foods.

GE foods also should be labeled so that the consumer can make an intelligent decision on whether to purchase them.

The FDA has no place in perpetuating a "cozy" relationship with the industries it claims to regulate. The FDA should not be just a branch of companies it regulates.

Sincerely,

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